

We accordingly stood in proper order under a tiled roof and waited. Shortly afterwards a company of European visitors arrived along with the Superintendent and went round the file, beginning at the furthest from me. They had not inspected half the row when some one suggested that one of the visitors was the Prince and another Sir Edward Carson. As I was just casting my eyes on them in order to satisfy my curiosity, I saw that their very complexion was charming. They had covered nearly half the length of the file so far, quite easily and without the least effort; but now came the rub. It was quite plain to me that they were panting for breath and could proceed no further. They seemed to get choked up by some unseen power, and there appeared in the shape of a column, a dense, heavy atmosphere from no body knew where; and for our visitors to wade through it appeared more or less an impossibility. They stopped and did' not know whether to turn back or to proceed forward. The fun of it all was, that the whole situation appeared to depend on

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alone, for a solution. I felt quite
sure at the
time that I was holding the key,
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